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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold public meeting concerning the proposed ecosystem restoration project for the Chattahoochee River at Columbus, Ga.

**Mobile, Ala**. -- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m., March 25 in the ground floor conference room of the Government Annex Building, 420 10th Street, Columbus, Ga. The purpose of the meeting is to collect comments on the proposed restoration of 2.3 mile segment of the Chattahoochee River at Columbus, Ga.

The meeting's open house format will allow the attendees to examine information on the proposed project, to discuss issues of concern and to provide oral and written comments.

Representatives from the Corps, the City of Columbus and Phenix City study partnership will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed restoration project.

All comments will be considered in the preparation of the environmental restoration report.

This aquatic ecosystem restoration project consists of the removal of the Eagle and Phenix Dam and the City Mills Dam to restore a section of the river between Columbus, Ga., and Phenix City, Ala., to a free-flowing condition.

"The objective of this project is to create conditions that are conducive to establishing natural aquatic communities similar to those that occupied this reach of the river prior to the construction of the dams in the 1800s and possible additional recreation opportunities," said E. Patrick Robbins, chief Legislative and Public Affairs Office, Mobile District. "We encourage your attendance and welcome your comments," he said.

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Questions concerning the meeting may be directed to the Glen Coffee, (251) 690-2729.